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"NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE M ANTIGEN For:

GENE OF HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM, ANTIGENS, VACCINES AND ANTIBODIES,) METHODS AND KITS FOR DETECTING

HISTOPLASMOSIS"

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

(Amended) An isolated nucleic acid specific to Histoplasma capsulatum 1. comprising: